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In re application of:

Rush E. Simonson

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, for which a petition is submitted to extend time for three months from October 26, 2005 to January 26, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.